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To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

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Chief Administrative Officer

MOTION TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA (ITEM NO. 55, AGENDA OF JANUARY 15, 2002)

Item No. 55 on the January 15, 2002 Agenda is a motion to amend the State Legislative Agenda for the second half of the 2001-02 Legislative Session. This item was continued from the January 8, 2002 Board Meeting, Agenda Item No. 20.

Item No 55 (a) is a recommendation by Supervisor Antonovich to support legislation that redirects the Federal minimum guarantee funds from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) process to the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) process. Briefly, the STIP process distributes State and Federal funding by allocating funds to Caltrans non-capital expenditures off the top, with the balance split between the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (including projects selected by the MTA), and the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (for projects selected by Caltrans), on a 75 percent and 25 percent basis, respectively. By having the Federal funding flow through the RSTP process, funding for local regional transportation projects would increase. The Department of Public Works supports this recommendation because more funding would be available to the MTA under the RSTP formula than under the STIP formula and we concur.

Item No. 55 (b) is a recommendation by Supervisor Yaroslavsky to amend Section 3 of the State Legislative Agenda to include support for proposals which promote environmentally friendly flood control improvements and projects that do not diminish the performance of flood control systems. The Department of Public Works and the Department of Beaches

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and Harbors support this recommendation because it is consistent with current master plans and practices and we concur.

Item No. 55 (c) is a motion by Supervisor Yaroslavsky to oppose AB 814 (Havice) unless it is amended to include the original language found in AB 1147 (Honda) relative to the location of river restoration projects and increased parkland and recreational opportunities along the Los Angeles River. On January 10, 2002 AB 814 was amended to further erode the criteria established by AB 1147 by eliminating references to increasing parkland and recreational opportunities along the River. Supervisor Yaroslavsky's motion includes designating the existing Los Angeles River Master Plan Advisory Committee as the Advisory Committee that will advise the Resources Secretary and the County on preparing and implementing the plan to undertake river restoration projects and increase parkland and recreational opportunities along the river. The Department of Public Works supports this motion because it is consistent with their agreement to comply with the requirements of AB 1147 and because the Los Angeles River Master Plan Advisory Committee, with representatives from all of the cities along the entire length of the river, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, and various environmental and special interest groups, have already prepared a list of Los Angeles River Projects. We concur with the department.

AB 814 was heard in the Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife on January 8, 2002 and is set for hearing on January 15, 2002. AB 814 is supported by the City of Downey.

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